

Gatineau Valley historical society Fall Newsletter

Coming Events



Wednesday, October 8th
*Hike to the Healey Farm
in Gatineau Park & Square Dance*
Meet at Lot P16 Pine Rd. at 10:00 am

Recalling back to the 1930s when music and dancing often filled the Healey Farm, Society member **Doug Cowden** will call the square dancing accompanied by a local fiddler, **Paul Fydenchuck**. Doug remembers being there 70 years ago with his parents and neighbours at a St. Patrick's day celebration.

The walk from P16 to Healey Farm takes about one hour. We plan to leave the farm around 3:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch.

Contact Linda Bardell 827-0095 or lbard@sympatico.ca for more information.



Tuesday, November 11th at 10:45 am
GVHS Remembrance Day Ceremony
Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery, 587 Route 105, Chelsea



Members and friends of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society are invited to attend one of the most poignant of the thousands of Remembrance Day ceremonies held across Canada on November 11th.

The GVHS has hosted the Remembrance Day service at the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery since 1986 to keep alive the memory of **Private Richard Rowland Thompson, Queen's Scarf**, who is buried in the tiny cemetery. As in past years, Private Thompson's old regiment, the Royal

Canadian Regiment, stationed in Petawawa, will form a guard of honour.

Monday, November 24th at 7:30 pm
Municipality of La Pêche
Heritage Plaques Presentations

La Pêche Arena (Salle Desjardins)
Ste-Cécile-de Masham
Speaker TBA



All are welcome to join members of the Municipality of La Pêche Council for the presentation of the 2008 La Pêche Centenary Plaques at a reception hosted by the La Pêche Heritage Committee. This special monthly meeting of the GVHS is to support the **Municipal Heritage Recognition** program which has for the last 10 years compiled an inventory of over 100 centenary buildings in La Pêche.



Monday, December 8th at 7:30 pm
Christmas Traditions at The Grange

Once again, Gatineau Valley Historical Society members and families are invited to share an evening of carol singing, music and Christmas treats in the historic ambience of *The Grange, Cantley*.

To help with the spirit of the evening, we encourage you to bring...

- your voice ...or musical instrument.... to join the piano and singing
- for the Potluck Refreshment Table, a plate of your favourite seasonal treats (eg. cookies, nibbles, finger food)

Directions to The Grange of the Gatineau, ch Summer, Cantley (819-827-3164) (ch Summer runs west off hwy 307 towards the river – follow signs for soccer park)

1. **Coming from Ottawa, Hull, Chelsea:** hwy 105 to the Alonzo Wright Bridge – after crossing the bridge turn left (north) on hwy 307 for about 5 km – ch Summer is the next left after Dépanneur 307
2. **Coming from Wakefield and north:** cross Gatineau River on hwy #366 to hwy 307 – turn right (south) through Cantley – ch Summer is next right after the Pro Hardware/Cantley Pizza. Once on ch Summer, follow the signs to La Grange (the end of ch Summer, past Parc Mary Anne Phillips) (for a map, see www.grange.ca (brochure))

Friends of Gatineau Park 4th Annual Research Forum
Visitor's Centre, Old Chelsea QC — Saturday, October 18th from 9:30am to 3:00pm

The Forum will report on heritage and ecology research recently undertaken in the Park. This includes a lunch with the researchers and an afternoon excursion illustrating an aspect of the research undertaken. The first presentation will be the refurbished model of the Wakefield Mill. Envisaged for a number of years, some of the necessary funds for doing this project have come from the Harvest Heritage Dinner which GVHS assisted in promoting. The model's restoration is a significant event which may be of interest to GVHS members.

The fee for the general public is \$7.00, which includes the cost of the luncheon.

Stéphanie Vallée, Member for Gatineau — Silent Auction Item

If you are planning a trip to Quebec City during October-November, GVHS is accepting bids on a dinner at *La Parlementaire* (the parliamentary restaurant) and tour of the *Quebec National Assembly Buildings* with our MLA Stéphanie Vallée. (value \$200.00)

Bids accepted until Friday, October 10th at 12:00 pm — info@gvhs.ca or call 819.827.6224

Correction —

Rose-Marie Ralph wrote a piece on Farm Point in English and French entitled -
 A View into the Gatineau Hills: Let us Reminisce / *Farm Point : un peuple qui a grandi...mais sans oublier.*
 GVHS thanks Ms. Ralph for her contribution to the archives.

45th Annual Auction Update — Aug. 9th — St. Stephen's Church Grounds, Old Chelsea

Auctioneer Revel Stewart, of Cobden, ON started at 9:00 for the 70 donated items and 112 registered bidders on one of the few sunny weekend days in August. The Flea Market opened at 8:00.

The highest bid was for a large oriental rug (a bargain at \$255). A beautiful ewer and basin sold for \$150; a stone-ware foot warmer realized \$55, a fern stand for \$130, a landscape painting brought \$150, various Victorian items included a steamer trunk, a rocker and lady's and gentleman's chairs (about \$120). There was an antique wooden washing machine, a wooden ironing board, sleigh bells and old china. Total Revenue: \$6925 , Profit: \$4264.



to all the volunteers and silent auction donors —

Theresa Winfield	Anita Rutledge	Fleurist Avant-Garde
Marc Cockburn	Dolores Fleming	Chelsea Pro Hardware
Wes Jamieson	Krista Cooke	Livres Chelsea Books
Natasha Sabalonty	John Parker	Chelsea Freshmart
Rene and Bent Nielsen	Larrimac Golf,	Chelsea Auto Repair
Bob Hughes	Chelsea Smoke House	Marguerite McDonald
Norma Geggie	Mayor Jean Perras	A Step Up Gym
Mary Armitage	Boulangerie dans un village	Greg Christie Ski & Cycle Works
Margaret Phillips	La Cigale	Les Fougeres
Eileen and David Castleman	Chelsea's Pub	T.J.'s Restaurant Chelsea
Bob and Carol Martin	National Capital Commission	Restaurant Rendez-Vous Chelsea
Adrienne and Richard Herron	Moorside Tea	Bougie Doozy Chelsea
Joe Fitzpatrick	Dunnderosa Golf Club	Old Chelsea Pet Food Store
Linda Bardell	Lawrence Cannon	Chelsea Pizza
Allen Richens	Stéphanie Vallée	Le Nordik Spa & Baths
Michael Cooper	West Quebec Post	Jamboree
Ernie Mahoney	Charles IGA	Gallerie de la paix
Sara McHattie	La Vallee	Solstice Books
Lorraine Purdy	True Value Hardware, Farm Point	The Grateful Griller – Chef Miguel
Shirley Brown	Old Chelsea Slip Covers	
Bonnie and Richard Adams	Les Saisons	

Archival Inquiries

- **A 1926 murder in Chelsea?**

Jeri Anderson came to us with a newspaper clipping about Roy Edmond Bullis — “Murdered - Shot at Highway 11 near Chelsea, Quebec.” Her source gives the year as 1926. We are seeking the day and month of the event, and any further information.

- **Information about the Torney family of Cascades.**

We have been asked for help in finding where three members of the Torney (Tourney) family are buried. This family is listed in the 1842 and 1852 censuses, in Cascades, Quebec. Hugh and Elizabeth Wallace Torney (Tourney) were Irish Presbyterians. Elizabeth died before 1852, so the household in that year consisted of Hugh, his children Elizabeth, John, Esebella, William and Hugh, and his father, John Torney, Sr., aged 92. Shirley Lyrette is seeking information about burial dates and places for the senior John Torney, and for Hugh and Elizabeth Wallace Torney.

We have searched the Wakefield Presbyterian records, which begin in 1847, but found no entries for this family. The Chelsea Presbyterian records begin only in 1862.

Archives visits and questions

The GVHS Archives are in the basement of the Chelsea Library, and provide on-site access to archival materials, including a vast collection of photos in the Image Bank, microfilm census for this region (Hull to Maniwaki), and consultation on genealogy and history of this region.

Please check our website for hours. It is also very helpful if you contact us in advance with your questions, so that we can prepare for your visit. Genealogy questions (and responses) can be sent to genealogy@gvhs.ca.

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In Memoriam

Milton Cross
Jim Hammond
Marius Van Wyk
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Local Author

GVHS Member **Preston Wilson** has penned a humourous, touching and timeless work of fiction. **Tales of Finnigan LeBlanc** takes us back to the simple life in West Quebec's Gatineau Valley and is published by General Store Publishing. Visit the website — www.gsph.ca for more information.

Purpose

"...to promote matters of historical or heritage significance in the general area of the Gatineau Valley."

The *Gatineau Valley Historical Society* is a charitable organization which has acted to conserve and foster interest in history and heritage in the Gatineau Valley Region since its founding in 1962.

**Gatineau Valley Historical Society
Membership Application**

Box 1803 Chelsea QC J9B 1A1 819.827.6224 info@gvhs.ca

Membership Fees: 1 year - \$15 - includes *Up the Gatineau*
(per family) 2 years - \$25 - includes *Up the Gatineau*

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